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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO IDENTITY THEFT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to participating in a conspiracy to steal the identity of two individuals.

Lanardo L. Myrick, 34, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to the charges contained in an April 6, 2004, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty, **Myrick** admitted that he participated in a conspiracy between Feb. 12 and July 12, 2001, to steal confidential account information from a Citibank database. **Myrick** and co-defendant **Kimberly M. Morgan**, 30, of Kansas City, used the information to pose as a Citibank account holders to apply for credit cards via the Internet.

Morgan was sentenced on Jan. 24, 2005, to one year and one day in federal prison without parole after pleading guilty to her role in the conspiracy on Oct. 1, 2004. The court also ordered **Morgan** to pay \$27,000 in restitution.

Morgan had access to the identity information while employed as a customer service representative at the Citibank office in Kansas City, Graves explained. After obtaining the identity information, **Morgan** would give the information to **Myrick**, who would use the information to gain access to the customers' Citibank account via the company's Internet Web site, "E-Care."

Myrick used the unauthorized access to the customers' accounts to change the customer address information, then placed orders to have new or replacement Citibank credit cards sent to the new addresses. Upon obtaining the Citibank credit cards, **Myrick** and **Morgan** posed as the Citibank customers while making credit card purchases and obtaining cash advances.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. It was investigated by the United States Secret Service and the United States Postal Inspector's Office.

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